

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

No. 23-40556  
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

**FILED**

August 26, 2024

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

BLAKE J. WATTERSON,

*Plaintiff—Appellant,*

*versus*

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, and EXPLOSIVES;  
STEVEN DETTELBACH, *in his official capacity as Director of the Bureau of  
Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives*; UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; MERRICK GARLAND, *U.S. Attorney  
General*; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Defendants—Appellees.*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Texas  
USDC No. 4:23-CV-80

Before JONES, SMITH, and HO, *Circuit Judges*.

## JUDGMENT

This cause was considered on the record on appeal and the briefs on file.

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IT IS ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the appeal is DISMISSED as moot.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Appellant pay to Appellees the costs on appeal to be taxed by the Clerk of this Court.

The judgment or mandate of this court shall issue 7 days after the time to file a petition for rehearing expires, or 7 days after entry of an order denying a timely petition for panel rehearing, petition for rehearing en banc, or motion for stay of mandate, whichever is later. See Fed. R. App. P. 41(b). The court may shorten or extend the time by order. See 5th Cir. R. 41 I.O.P.



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as the mandate on Oct 18, 2024

Attest:

*Styl W. Canace*

Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit